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NEED pushes for organic options

Kise urged to consider adding more eco-friendly cuisine to menu

By BEN SAILER
Assistant Editor

The Network of Environmentally Educated Dragons (NEED) is planning a push to get more organic and locally grown vegetables in Kise.

According to president Meagan Barbie, the group is examining what other schools working with Sodexo have done to get organic foods in their cafeterias and formulating a strategy based on their findings.

While their plan is still in its early phases, the organization would ultimately like to see a wide selection of organic options available through campus dining services.

Organic crops haven't been genetically altered or treated with pesticides. Proponents say organic foods are healthier, more ecologically friendly and retain more flavor.

"It's better not to have those chemicals on your food," Barbie said.



BEN SAILER / THE ADVOCATE

"I know that organic peppers are pretty expensive, but they're so good," Network of Environmentally Educated Dragons president, Meagan Barbie said. Kise does not serve any organic vegetables, but Barbie hopes they will consider it.

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MAT provides free rides

By LAUREN TAUTE
Staff Writer

With the temperature dropping and parking a hassle, riding the bus is an easy way to stay warm and save money.

The Metro Area Transit

(MAT) is covered by a \$6 student bus fee and the only thing students need to ride are their IDs.

The MAT has two stops on campus and stops four times each hour.

"It was a lot easier for

me to ride the bus," junior James Munsch said. "It saves so much time because parking at MSUM is such a drag without a permit."

Many students assume that the Metro Area Transit (MAT) is scary and hard to navigate.

"Before I started riding the bus I was afraid of riding it alone, but I was surprised," junior Mina Moteki said. "The bus driver was so kind to me. It was better than I expected."

Many students have a preconceived notion that the MAT is a time consuming way to get from place to place.

"A lot of (older students) told me that the bus always comes late, but actually it comes on time," Moteki said.



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MAT buses stop twice at hour at each bus stop on campus.

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Prof. wins Fulbright award

Giedt to lecture in Cyprus

By AMANDA JUNSO
Staff Writer

This year's Fulbright Award winner is Jane Giedt, an MSUM nursing professor.

The Fulbright Award is used to promote a mutual understanding between the United States and the rest of the world.

More than 150 countries have taken part in the program and more than 273,500 people have studied, taught and researched abroad.

Giedt, a South Dakota native, looks forward to shar-



JANE GIEDT

ing her knowledge and love of nursing by lecturing at the University of Nicosia in Nicosia, Cyprus next year.

"Learning about the health care system in Cyprus and understanding the role of nursing in the system is what I am looking forward to."

"I am offering my knowledge and experience to improve or further the development of nursing education in Cyprus," Giedt said.

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Advocate meetings 4 p.m. Mondays in CMU 110

The Advocate would like to invite any interested students to their weekly meetings in The Advocate office. Pick up an application today and apply to be a sports writer, staff writer, cartoonist or photographer. Photographers meeting at 4:30 p.m.

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Take part in the Big Give

The Big Give is striving to involve campus organizations to help those in need. The bookstore will be giving away a total of \$1,700 to four officially recognized student organizations. In turn, those organizations will then be asked to contribute 50 percent of their earnings to a worthy cause.

The Student Organizations Advisory Committee will determine which four organizations will participate in the program. Selection is based on answers provided in a one-page written statement that explains how the prize will be used, what charity will be supported and why it's important to the organization.

During the book buyback on Dec. 10 to 17, the bookstore will give out tokens to students who sell back their books. The four selected organizations will have table space where they will compete to get the most tokens from students. Winners will be announced at 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 18.

Organizations that want to give back and show creativity should fill out an application. Applications are available at the cash register in the bookstore and online at www.mnstate.edu/osa. Applications due Friday.

Camp-out in class

REC 140-Camping and Outdoor Recreation is a two-credit course held from 4 to 5:40 p.m. on Tuesdays, for Spring semester. This course provides students with basic skills, knowledge and experience to camp safely and comfortably and how to use and enjoy the outdoors with minimum impact.

The course also provides a broad perspective of the aims, purposes and values of camping and outdoor recreation, and provides leadership training for camp counselors.

Symposium presents world food issues

"Food for Thought," a symposium on world food issues, including a talk by Daniel Gustafson, director of the North American Liaison Office for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, will be held until Nov. 20 on campus.

Gustafson has worked for the past 30 years on agricultural and rural development in Latin America, Africa, Asia and the United States. He'll visit two classes and meet with faculty and students while on campus through Friday.

The keynote address by Gustafson, on "Global Food Security and Current Food Crisis: How Did We Get Here and Where Are We Going," is scheduled at 7 p.m. tonight in Science Lab 118.

Apply now for upper class scholarship

Applications for the 2009-2010 upper class scholarships are available online at www.mnstate.edu/finaid/upperclassscholarship.cfm.

In order to apply, students must be pursuing their undergraduate degree, who have completed at least 12 MSUM credits by the end of the current fall semester 2008.

Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher by the end of fall semester 2008 and must enroll in a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester at MSUM.

Students not graduating at the end of Spring 2009 or Summer 2009 for the Fall and/or Spring semesters of 2009-2010 are eligible.

Applicants are required to hand in a recommendation form along with application form and required essay.

Enjoy spring break in New York

This upcoming Spring Break, Craig Ellingson of the Theatre Arts Department will lead students and community members to New York to experience the nation's largest theater district.

The tour goes from March 17 to 22. Moreover, students can choose to earn one, two or three credits by applying variable levels of educational research and structure to the tour.

For more information contact Craig Ellingson at 477-4617.



BY LESLIE WOOD
Staff Writer

Handicap permit misued

Security officers investigated the misuse of a state-issued handicap permit at 4:06 a.m. on Nov. 2. The able-bodied driver admitted he found the permit in a parking lot and used it to park in handicap parking spaces. The permit was taken as evidence and the driver was cited by security officers for fraud.

Reckless driving

Security officers observed a vehicle driving in a reckless manner in Lot A At 10:30 p.m. on Nov. 3. The student was driving his Ford pickup at a high speed and squealing his tires around the corners. He was referred to judicial affairs for his reckless driving behavior.

Prank pedal pusher

There was a late night Code Blue Emergency phone testing At 3:48 a.m. on Nov. 6. An unknown person activated several Code Blue phones on campus. Campus security followed

BFA art exhibit open

A student art exhibit, featuring graphic designs and ceramics is on display through Nov. 19 in the Center for the Arts gallery. The exhibit is in partial fulfillment of students' Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees.

A reception for the artists will be held from 4 to 6 p.m., today in the gallery.

Gallery hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday; 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday; and 2 to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

SECURITY UPDATE

Director of Campus Security Michael Parks

Driver commits handicap fraud

the trail of activated lights to the Center for Business but the suspect (possibly on a bicycle) had left the area. There was no visible emergency in the area.

Alcohol found in backpacks

Officers investigated two suspicious people on Lot P at 2:47 a.m. on Nov. 9. The officers spoke to the male and female students and determined they were under the influence of alcohol and transporting a quantity of alcohol in their backpacks. The alcohol was poured out and they were referred to judicial affairs for possession of alcohol.

Smells like marijuana

An officer was called to second floor Ballard on a reported odor of marijuana at 11:56 a.m. on Nov. 10. The officer made contact with four people in the room; three male students and one male non-student.

The Moorhead Police department was called and one student was cited for possession of marijuana paraphernalia. The three other occupants were referred to judicial affairs.

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Features

Fitness brings home-schoolers to campus

BY BOBBY JACOBSON
Staff Writer

The Dragons 4 Wellness club has invited home-schooled children to participate in a weekly physical education class. This class allows Dragons 4 Wellness students to gain hands-on teaching experience as well as giving home-schooled children an opportunity to participate in different games and activities.

The classes are held Fridays in Nemzek and consist of home-schooled students from ages 5 to 11.

The students play games such as tag and "red light green light." Students also participate in trust activities and work on team building skills.

Tanya Wetter has brought her three kids to the program since it started in September. Wetter feels that the students from Dragons 4 Wellness do a great job getting the kids involved and active.

"The kids absolutely love it," Wetter said. "I'm very thankful that the club is willing to do this."

Wetter feels that both the students involved as well as the children benefit from the classes.

Matt March, president of Dragons 4 Wellness, agrees with Wetter, realizing his group members are gaining teaching experience while positively impacting children.

"One of the goals of the club is community service," March said.

The Dragons 4 Wellness members are also working to raise money for their trip to Tampa, Fla., in March for the national American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance convention.

"Our club is very active," March said. "Our main goal is to make ourselves better prepared professionally."

March and other members from Dragons 4 Wellness feel that by working with home-schooled children they will be able to gain experience that

other health and physical education majors may not be receiving.

Overall the response from the home-schooled children and the students teaching them are positive.

"The kids are pumped to come in every Friday," March said.

Although the program is new, it has been growing significantly over the past few months. When the program started in September 16 students came in. Now nearly 22



Senior Matt March, a physical education major, leads a group of home-schooled kids through a set of exercises Friday.

CHRIS ERICKSON / THE ADVOCATE

“The kids are pumped to come in every Friday.”

Matt March
President
Dragons 4 Wellness

students are showing up on Fridays.

Parents of the home-schooled students are also able to get some physical activity. Dragons 4 wellness students help parents do fitness tests and plan workouts.

Students are enthusiastic about their program with home-schooled children and invite any others who want to join.

Dragons 4 Wellness is an active group on campus and throughout the community, with the common goal of "making the nation healthier one Dragon at a time."

Jacobson can be reached at jacobrob@mnstate.edu.

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Alcohol policy provides exception for student-run publications

Last week, Heath Butrum brought up a legitimate concern in his column regarding The Advocate's advertisements containing alcohol.

Under the student organization handbook, "autonomous student-edited publications" are exempt from the rule that prohibits organizations and clubs from promoting consumption of alcohol.

Though other organizations can probably argue the point, The Advocate is technically a student-run business.

Though we receive funds from the university, our advertising sales make up for more than 80 percent of our annual income.

We have 15 salaried employees who get paid per issue. Our writers, photographers and columnists also get paid for each piece they submit.

For many of us, this is a full-time job that helps us on our way to careers in journalism, advertising and business.

In addition to payroll, The Advocate pays operating costs to print 4,500 papers each week for distribution to the campus community.

Alcohol do ads constitute part of our weekly sales, but not a majority. Last week, we ran only two ads that featured alcohol. Our policy has been to not solicit alcohol ads but let the advertisers come to us.

However, the ads, regardless of what they promote, are needed to meet our budget needs.

We in no way encourage over-consumption of alcohol. However, it is a legal substance for many students to use.

We continue to work to find new businesses to advertise with us, but the times are tough.

The economy affects everyone, and several of our advertisers who regularly ran ads with us last year have pulled their advertising this year because they just can't afford it.

Like for many businesses, it comes down to the bottom line. Like most publications, The Advocate needs the advertising revenue to stay afloat.

In the end, the alcohol policy has an exception in it for our publication because this need has been realized.

The opinions expressed in The Advocate are not necessarily those of the college administration, faculty or student body.

The Advocate encourages letters to the editor and your turn submissions. They should be typed and must include the writer's name, signature, address, phone number, year in school or occupation and any affiliations. Letters are due by 5 p.m.

Monday and can be sent to MSUM Box 130, dropped off in The Advocate office or e-mailed to advocate@mnstate.edu.



Let's talk about sex!

The Advocate teamed up with Hendrix Health to answer students' questions about sexual issues. Inquiries are published anonymously.

Q: My boyfriend wants to have anal sex, but I'm not sure about it. Is it safe?

A: Safe has many meanings. If you are asking if it is physically or medically safe the answer would be yes, with a couple of cautions.

Having anal sex might make you more susceptible to bacterial infection. The lining around the anus is thinner than other parts of the body so it is more susceptible to tearing.

These tears take longer to heal which could put you at risk for infection. With tearing

also comes bleeding which puts you at risk for viral infections such as Hepatitis C or HIV.

STD/STI's can be passed from person to person during anal sex so using a condom is a must.

Since you are not sure if you want to engage in anal sex this brings up the issue of emotional safety for you.

Any time anyone engages in sexual activity it has to be their choice. Remember, no one

should force or coerce you into doing something that you don't want to do.

Sexual experimentation is fine as long as the persons involved are giving their consent. An interesting Web site to visit is www.goaskalice.columbia.edu this is the Columbia University online health service.

Carol Grimm,
Director of Health and Wellness, Hendrix Health

Anticipating the chill

For a Nepali girl who has never seen snow, the excitement is there, but the fear of slipping down and hurting my back still lingers.

My peers and colleagues have warned me to wear heavy jackets and boots during the winter here in Minnesota.

When I touched down at the Fargo Airport three months ago, I couldn't imagine the lush green fields and the colorful trees being covered by snow once the winter struck.

I couldn't imagine the gentle breeze that used to relax us during summer would turn into deadly wind chills. Whatever I have learned about the winter in Minnesota is from my friends. However I feel winter is imminent. It's getting very cold day by day. I asked fellow student Liz

Kalinowski about the snow and winter.

"I like snow, I am a skier, I just don't like the cold," she said.

It made me feel even more terrified thinking of the cold gloomy days ahead.

I have started imagining how to trot all the way from 19th street to the school in the winter.

I was thinking that getting a car is a wise idea, but then I evaluated my driving skills. I am a nervous driver and have been since the first time I held the steering wheel.

The thoughts of icy slippery roads didn't help my confidence when I was talking to Janet Hohenstein, international student programming coordinator and FYE instructor, about the driving.

"I would say, that no matter how long a person has

been driving, they still don't remember that they need to slow down in the winter while driving," Hohenstein said.

After all these thoughts and the time I have spent with my friends talking about winter, the worries that I had have turned into an anxious wait.

I will have to cope with this winter as a part of life. I have gone shopping and bought myself some very warm, heavy jackets and boots, which I hope will help me get through this winter.

I will wait for the snow and feel what the winter is like. I hope I will get through it as all my fellow colleagues will.

Akreeti Basnet,
Guest Columnist
MSUM student

Opinion

Celebrities distract from real issues

It is deeply disturbing how America tends to care more about the struggles facing celebrities than the suffering of the common people. When a famous person dies, it dominates the news for days, if not weeks, at a time.

However, when a thousand children starve in a third-world nation, or when an American soldier loses his legs to an improvised explosive device in Iraq, or when someone of value to society like a firefighter or police officer loses their life on the job, it draws considerably less, if any, attention.

It doesn't make sense, and

Ben Sailer
Columnist



we're all part of the problem.

Case in point: How many people do you know who became irrationally depressed after Heath Ledger died?

While the circumstances surrounding his death were tragic and enough to give one a moment of pause, the way many people reacted as if they lost a loved one when they

didn't have any meaningful connection to the deceased actor seemed somehow inappropriate. Especially so considering many of those same people wouldn't get nearly so upset about something like the current situation in Darfur.

The way people invest so much of themselves emotionally into someone they don't know because he or she was in some movies is disproportionate to how they feel (or don't feel) for the millions of other people suffering in the world.

Part of the blame for this can

be placed on the media for giving people garbage they want instead of substance they need.

Try scanning the publications at the checkout aisle of any grocery store in town and ask yourself what you see more of, cover stories about Hollywood sex scandals, or articles about anything that actually matters? Which kind of story would you honestly prefer to read?

If America's most popular choices of reading material are anything to go by, it would seem most people would rather voyeuristically obsess over Britney Spears' downfall from an under-aged sex object to a

train wreck of an adult than learn why the economy is failing.

Not that the economic crises making it more difficult to obtain student loans should concern anyone here.

If we were to direct the same amount of energy we waste worrying about celebrities' foibles toward educating ourselves about current events and taking action to create positive social change, we could easily make the world a less miserable place.

Hate celebrity worship?
E-mail Sailer
at sailerbe@gmail.com

Illustration by Chris Fried / The Advocate



Much ado about blaze orange

We are told, "Beware of the poisonous lead," but I know there are other factors that would sooner see me dead.

For I fear not ingestion of this dangerous metal, rather direct injection from my neighbor's blued barrel.

Still I go and I wander where others are too, despite the warning, enjoying the fall hues.

I cut through darkness down a stone-laden path, my guide, years of experience tucked under my cap.

Two layers of socks fit tight in my boot, while frozen stems of alfalfa crunch loud under foot.

A man or woman could easily freeze, but I have my parka

Michael Johnson
Columnist



to block out the breeze.

What is on my mind while I sit in the stand are the four other hunters I see near my land.

Eleven years I've hunted from this stand right here and never have I seen so many hunters so near.

I wonder if they are like that man I saw before, who bragged about drinking to help him stay warm.

Do they get good and "warmed up" before grabbing

their gun and think drunken shooting is all in good fun?

While I'm watching the other orange spots nearby, I notice a whitetail and my gun gives reply.

I brought the buck home and proceeded to butcher starting with the back and ending at the shoulder.

It was in the latter that I found the remains of a shattered lead bullet with dark red stains.

I proceeded with caution to remove every sliver. I've made it this far, and I'll make it through dinner.

Blaze orange anxiety?
E-mail Johnson
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Figuring it out

Jenny Hilleren
Columnist



Have you ever found yourself wondering "what's the point?" The other day as I was trying to condense my schedule, I found myself pondering that question. Here I am trying to get an education, pay the bills, keep my sanity and all the while, wondering—in the long run—what it's for and who's going to care. The answer was, simply, I care.

It was my choice to start going back to school, and therefore it is my responsibility to ensure I make the most out of that education. We all have to work to pay the bills, and therefore I can't complain. And as for friends, you just have to have them.

Did I have to squeeze in an extra class because it seemed like something I would enjoy? No, but I knew I would enjoy, nonetheless, and it would be a nice breather. Was it necessary for me to try and cram in baking brownies for friends amongst all the other stuff I had to do? It really probably wasn't, but those are the small things that make others happy, which makes it all worth it.

Dolly Parton once said, "Find yourself, and do it on purpose." When I first heard that I interpreted it as, "figure out your life and find out what you need to do with it."

In other words, you better have a plan and a goal. Looking at it like that was almost a surefire way to set myself up for disappointment. It's not necessarily what I, or anybody else, needs to do with their life. Rather, it's about what we want to do with our lives and how we can make the most of them. That is the point.

Each decision you make or action completed is meant for something. Whether it is for yourself or somebody else, there is a point to it. It's important to remember not to take life so seriously, because that is a guaranteed way to set yourself up to be thwarted.

If you are stuck in a rut, change it up. The point is, if you ever find yourself wondering, "what's the point," just remember the adventure, life itself, is the point. Have fun with it.

Need advice on changing it up?
E-mail Hilleren
at jennyhilleren@hotmail.com

Illustration by John Berdahl / The Advocate



Student exhibit shows green side

By NICHOLE SEITZ
Staff Writer

This year the first of two Bachelor of Fine Arts exhibits is not only showing off students' work, but also showcasing a flare for green.

Graphic arts student Ashley Moen promotes eating organic food and encourages people to grow their own food or support their local farmer's markets.

"I want people to know how much more personal it is, when feeding your family, knowing that it comes from local farming communities, as well as how simple it is to grow your own produce right on your deck or in your backyard, as well as enjoyable," Moen said.

Moen's exhibit, which has items such as a park bench, a key chain, hat and apron featuring a logo that she designed.

The logo was created for a fictional company called

"Organic," which would provide food products that were grown organically and equipment and tools to start your very own organic garden.

"The feeling of being able to support yourself by the goods you grow, the hand labor and feeding your family is a very satisfying one," Moen said. "Growing your own food with natural resources, no preservatives or fertilizers is a healthy choice as well as one that cuts down on costs elsewhere."

No need to worry if you don't have a green thumb. Most grocery stores offer some foods with the words natural or whole on the labels. However, it can be hard to say how many of these foods are actually preservative-free.

"Yes, there is more work involved but many people come to enjoy it," Moen said.

The USDA's Web site said that if a fruit or vegetable has the word organic on it, that product has been inspected by a government-approved certifier.

Not only does the food itself have to meet the U.S. Department of Agriculture's standards, but the farm has to pass the test as well.

Moen believes that while some people may go along with the green trend right away, it might take some others a little more convincing.

The graphic arts students started drafting their proposals for their exhibits last semester. Participating in the exhibit is a requirement toward graduation for graphic arts students, but the exhibit is open to all BFA majors.

Moen is one of five students showcasing their art. The exhibit, which opened Nov. 3, will run through Nov. 19 in the BFA Exhibit room in the Center for the Arts.

A public reception will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. today in honor of the artists in the gallery.

Seitz can be reached at seitzni@mnstate.edu.



NICHOLE SEITZ / THE ADVOCATE

Graphic arts student Ashley Moen and other students' art is exhibited in the Center for the Arts through Nov. 19.

'Widows' novel lacks the magic of 'witches'

Sequel by Pulitzer Prize-winning author revisits lives of three mysterious women

By RYAN FLINGER
Staff Writer

"Widows of Eastwick" is Pulitzer Prize-winning author John Updike's long awaited sequel to 1984's "The Witches of Eastwick."

The original chronicled the lives of three women: Alexandra, Sukie, and Jane. The three women live common lives. All three are single mothers trying to make do in a man's world.

The setting of the novel is the fictional Rhode Island town of Eastwick. Small town New England life in the early 1970s forms a sharp contrast to the real lives of the three women. Beneath the image projected to

the townsfolk of Eastwick lies a secret. Alexandra, Sukie, and Jane are more than friends, they are a coven of witches.

As the three women break free from the constraints of conservative American life, their powers come to the surface. Living free and unmarried while pursuing their sexual interests, the coven thrives.

That was more than 20 years ago. In his sequel, Updike picks up the lives of the former witches as they live lives in the new millennium.

After the events in Witches the three women eventually find new loves and move from the small town where their sorcery was forged. Set in

present day, the three women find themselves widowed.

In the more than two decades since they left Eastwick the coven has been spread too

thin. Moving to opposite ends of the country, the women lose touch and the bonds of witchcraft with their powers leaving them.

The three widows decide to reunite in their old hometown. Each is an echo of her former self. Alexandra can no longer conjure storms at will. Jane can no longer fly. Sukie, once the liveliest of the coven, is now a pale shadow.

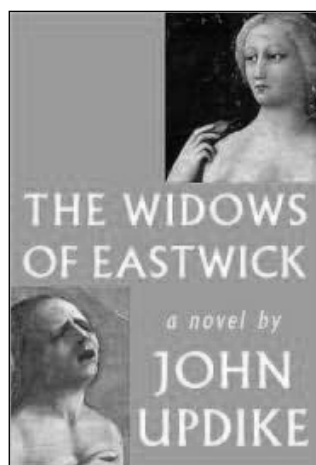
As the three rekindle their friendship, so too are their powers rekindled. They explore a changed Eastwick as well as their shared checkered pasts. They tackle the themes of love, death, and redemption.

"Widows" does not hold up

to "Witches." The first book was a timeless look at morality and American life. Its sequel tries to be contemporary but instead is lacking and sensationalistic.

The book is not horrible, merely mediocre. Only in comparison to its predecessor does it seem failing. If you want a good book, read "The Witches of Eastwick." If after that you want more of a taste read "The Widows of Eastwick" but don't be disappointed when it falls short of your expectations.

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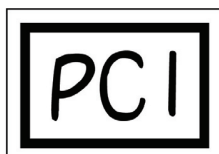
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All food donated will go to Church's United Homeless Shelter.

Vinyl makes a comeback

By CASSANDRA MILLER
Staff Writer

Society as a whole drips with technological advances. One aspect of daily life for many, if not all, is music.

Millions of people pop earphones into their ears and scroll through their iPods or MP3 players on their way to work. Personal music players are everywhere from subways to school campuses.

But what about when people head home? With the demand lessening for CDs and the almost completely forgotten cassette tape, vinyl is working its way back into music lovers' hearts.

With record players readily available, vinyls are becoming popular for those interested in actively listening.

"No one wants to have their favorite album downloaded on iTunes with JPEGs of album art, they want a physical copy," Rob Schmidt, an MSUM alum said. "This is where vinyl has really stepped up and bridged the gap. You

can own limited, tangible copies of the music. People enjoy owning something unique."

As the production manager at one of Fargo's few venues, The Aquarium, Schmidt and fellow employees were brainstorming ideas to attract customers on nights without shows.

"Bring Your Own Vinyl" or 'BYOV' night was born," Schmidt said.

Schmidt has experience in recording music and knows a thing or two about the quality of vinyl.

"Vinyl is a true analog medium and ask any snobby elitist, analog is better. When music is mastered to CD it loses audio fidelity by switching to that digital medium," Schmidt said.

Matt Oland, owner and operator of Fargo's Orange Records, decided to feed the growing appetite for those hungry for vinyl. He saw a gap that needed to be filled after Fargo lost one of its only vinyl-wielding stores.

"Vinyls made me think it

was possible to be successful as a business," Oland said.

Although he offers CDs as well as vinyl, Oland said, "I have certain customers looking for just vinyl."

An advantage for customers in search of that rare vinyl or just looking to develop in their collection is the perks that come with it.

"Many bands include free downloads along with their record," Oland said.

If music is just background noise for your daily life, stick to CDs, but if you feel as though your music is lacking something, pick up a record and see what you think.

Hearing little imperfections and the raw sound that vinyl emits is all part of the experience.

Whether you own a hundred records or none, it is undeniable that for those who enjoy actively listening to music, vinyl is the way to go.

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Matt Oland, owner and operator of Orange Records, sifts through the vinyl selection at his store.

Campus crack-up



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Comedian Chad Daniels performs Tuesday night in the CMU Ballroom courtesy of Dragon Entertainment Group. He has released two albums and performed on Comedy Central.



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VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball team dig for cure



CHRIS HUBER / THE ADVOCATE

Fans don purple in support for the Dragon volleyball team's "Digging for a Cure" event Friday in Nemzek. The event raised over \$800 for cancer patients.

By TIMOTHY STULKEN

Sports Editor

The women's volleyball team raised money for cancer patients Friday when they played against St. Cloud State.

"Digging for a Cure" was the Dragon volleyball team's way to give back to the community.

Head coach Tammy Blake-Kath's family was affected by cancer, and her team wanted to give to a cause that will help other families in the same situation.

The team sold purple T-

shirts at \$10 per shirt. The team has shirts remaining and encourages students interested to go to the athletic office to purchase one of the remaining shirts.

The team raised over \$800 to help cancer patients who must travel to receive treatment.

Senior Kelci Guenther said the team put on the event to help people involved with cancer who are sometimes overlooked.

"A few other teams in the league have done things for breast cancer awareness," Guenther said. "We wanted to incorporate cancer awareness,

but do something a little different. We decided to do something that helps out all cancer patients, and since other teams have done fundraisers for cancer research, we wanted to help out the patients."

The team defeated St. Cloud in four games. Guenther was one of four Dragons in double figures with 16 kills, while sophomore Leigh Splittstoesser was credited with 10 digs.

Guenther enjoyed the win, but said the game was about more.

"Friday was a good day," Guenther said. "We played well, and it was a lot of fun.

It was great to be playing for a good cause and not playing just for wins, but it was still nice to come up with the win."

Junior Mary Sussenguth agreed with Guenther.

"It was really fun to see a lot of people in the stands and to see a lot of purple," Sussenguth said.

The team lost 3-0 to No. 1 nationally ranked Concordia-St. Paul Saturday following Friday's victory. The loss ended a seven-game winning streak but was not a disappointment for the team.

"We had hoped to come

out stronger, but it's fun to see where you match up against one of the top teams in the nation," Guenther said. "Overall the game wasn't terribly disappointing."

Sussenguth added that she enjoyed the competition Concordia offered.

"Concordia broke our winning streak," Sussenguth said. "It was fun and fast-paced competition though. It was fun to hold our own against the No. 1 team in the nation."

The team play two more regular season games. Their performance at the games Friday against Augustana and Saturday against Wayne State will determine if they go to the regional tournament. Both games will be played on the

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Sports

FOOTBALL

Dragons end season with loss

Mustangs trample Dragons, team conclude season 2-9 overall

By **TIMOTHY STULKEN**
Sports Editor

The Dragons closed the football season with a 22-8 loss to Southwest Minnesota State University on Saturday.

The loss brought the team's final record to 2-9 overall and 2-8 in the NSIC.

"We tried our hardest," sophomore offensive guard Nate Ostby said. "The season was up and down, but every-

one played their best. That's all you can do."

Seven players were honored with All-NSIC honors despite the less-than-perfect season.

Junior wide receiver Jabari Taylor was named to the All-NSIC first team. Senior safety Eric Schaumburg, junior guard Ryan Chatterton and junior Joe Johnson were second team selections. Senior defensive end Zach Cahill, senior cornerback Tyler Hagen and senior inside

linebacker Jon Miller received an honorable mention.

The Dragons return all but eight players next year. Increased experience makes Ostby hopeful for next year.

"We will have a lot more experience next year, and we'll take it day by day and see how it goes," Ostby said.

The team begins training this week for next season.

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Freshman running back Tim Hanson breaks for a run. Hanson rushed ten times for a total of 35 yards of the Dragon's total of 82 yards. The Mustangs took the ball for 187 yards.



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Freshman quarterback Tyler Wegner throws the ball away as he is rushed by Mustang defenders.

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New book promotes 'eco-energy'

By ADAM HEIDBRINK
Staff Writer

Professors Dennis Jacobs and Karen Branden are worried about the inactivity and lack of thought people put into energy use.

Their recently published book, "From McEnergy to EcoEnergy: America's Transition to Sustainable Energy," starts with the history of how the nation became an energy burden, and then introduces a six-step method for saving the world from this destructive habit.

"If we don't start changing our energy habits, on a global scale, within the next five to six years, we will witness catastrophic events," Jacobs said.

"The intensifying of weather patterns, ocean fish depletion ... since it is a circular system, all ecosystems will fail together," Branden said.

"It's just their lifestyle. Once somebody falls into a pattern of behavior, it's hard to get out. It's habit—people don't like to change, and if they do, it's on their own terms," Branden said.

According to their book, the first step is raising public awareness to obtain the needed support.

Branden proposed that some government measures could be beneficial.

"Take littering, for example. If you toss something out the window of your car, it could

cost you up to \$700. A very similar law could be placed for wasteful energy consumption," Branden said.

"Although America only has 5 percent of the world's population, we consume 25 percent of the world's energy," Jacobs said. "This isn't just overwhelmingly terrible, it's abusive."

Jacobs and Branden would like to challenge both faculty and students to be more aware of this global epidemic.

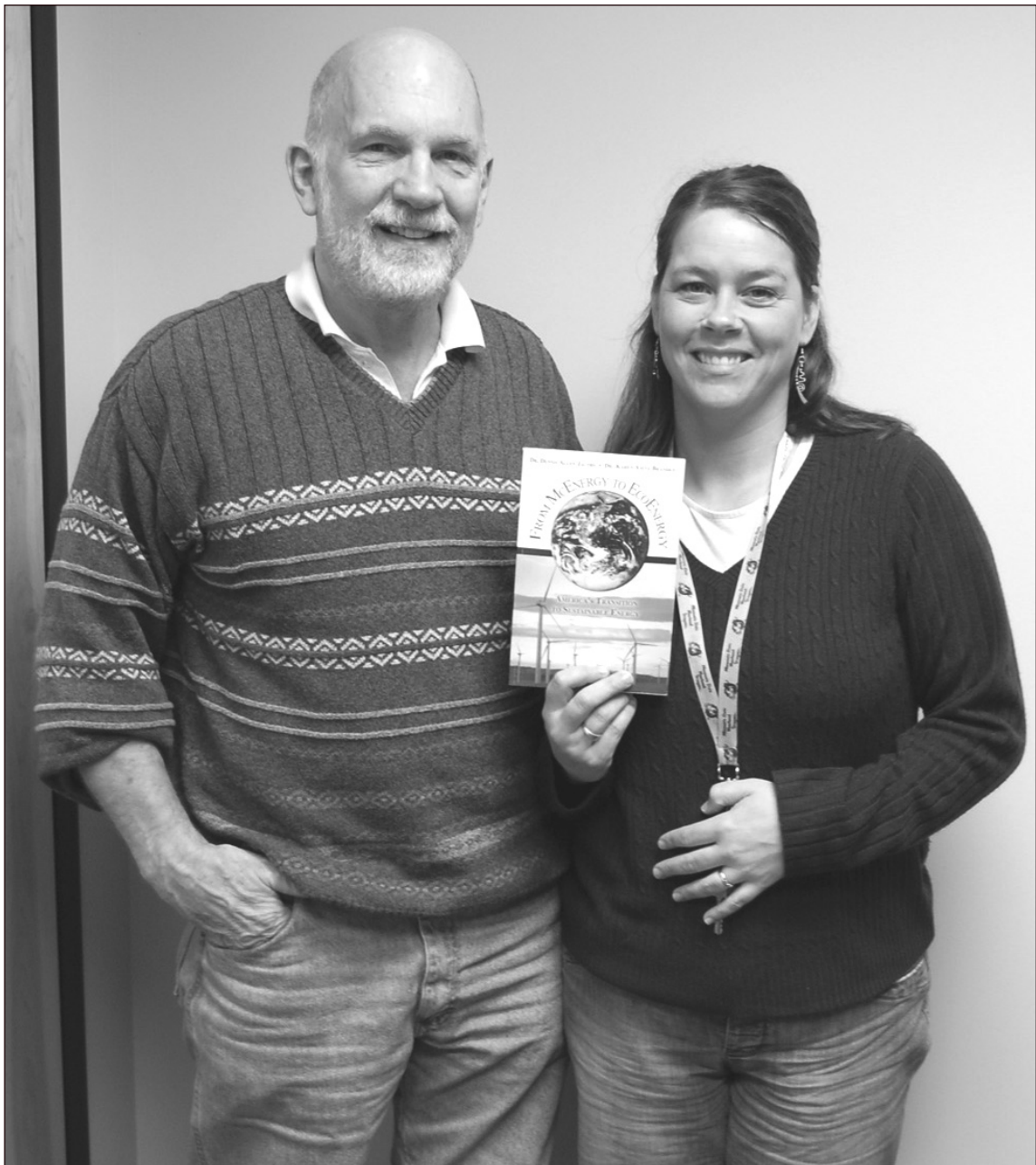
Aside from energy conservation and public awareness, the book also focuses on methods of finding and utilizing sustainable energy sources like wind, solar, biomass, and others. They are ways to produce energy without any degradation to the environment.

In response to educating the public, Karen Branden gave a speech Tuesday regarding the social aspects of the transition to sustainable energy. In addition, Dennis Jacobs will be giving a Dean's Lecture Series speech at 7 p.m. on Dec. 4 in the Center for Business.

"We have presented the information in such a manner to educate, and not confuse, the general public," Jacobs said.

"From McEnergy to EcoEnergy" is available now at the bookstore.

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ADAM HEIDBRINK / THE ADVOCATE

Dennis Jacobs and Karen Branden recently released their new book, "From McEnergy to EcoEnergy: America's Transition to Sustainable Energy." Co-authored by the professors, the book examines America's excessive energy consumption and seeks to create awareness about ecologically sustainable energy sources.

NURSING AWARD, FRONT

Giedt received her nursing degree from Wayne State University in Detroit and said she has always been determined to be the best.

She is also motivated to be both knowledgeable and skilled in the nursing field

because of her interest in the human body.

"I've wanted to be a nurse as long as I can remember, not necessarily because I 'wanted to help people' (the reason most commonly given by nurses) but because I was so

fascinated by the working of the human body," Giedt said.

"I didn't take care of sick animals as a child, but was much more into dissecting dead animals to see how things looked and worked.

Later, I became very interested in how people influenced their own health.

"Florence Nightingale considered nursing to be a 'calling' and I believe it was for me," Giedt said.

Giedt, who is often admired for her teaching skills, has been teaching at MSUM for 30 years. Professor Terry Dobmeier has been teaching with Giedt for the past two years.

"She has been a tremendous role model for me as a nursing educator," Dobmeier said. "She strives for excellence in every aspect of her profession and career.

"She has been supportive and encouraging to new faculty like myself and is a great source of wisdom for her colleagues in the discipline of nursing," Dobmeier said.

Giedt applied for the Fulbright Award herself by nominating her teaching skills to countries in need of certain discipline. The Fulbright commission, located in Washington, then sends the application

"I am looking forward to learning as much as I am able to facilitate in the particular courses I teach.

Jane Giedt
Nursing professor

out to different countries and if they feel the applicant has the right skills, invites them to share their knowledge with their community.

"I am looking forward to learning as much as I am able to facilitate in the particular courses I teach and to become familiar with the role of nursing in the U.S.," Giedt said.

"I also want to stimulate interest in developing or participating in exchange education," she said.

Giedt will be one of about 800 U.S. professors traveling abroad through the Fulbright program next year.

MAT BUS, FRONT

Moteki is an international exchange student from Japan and rides the bus regularly.

One misconception is that the bus schedules are difficult to follow. T

he schedules are specific and once an individual learns how to read the chart, it is much easier to understand.

"It was difficult the first time I rode (the bus)," Moteki said. "So I asked my friend how to use it, then it was easier."

Munsch, a former tri-college student, continues to ride the bus in order to save time and money.

Lori Van Beek, the Moorhead transit manager, said it is good for students to ride the bus.

"It saves money, lessens the need for parking and saves financially," Van Beek said. "The money that would be spent on cars can be used towards tuition."

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AISA celebrates American Indian culture

Annual month-long event features dancers, crafts and speakers to campus

By RYAN FLIGINGER

Staff Writer

MSUM's annual American Indian Heritage Month began last week. The events for this celebration of American Indian culture are being put on by the American Indian Student Association.

"I am really happy with how our events are going. We have a wide selection. We have dancers, speakers giving presentations on American Indian culture and craft workshops," senior AISA co-chair Sarah Crawford said.

She brings her experience to AISA in helping them put on their events.

"This is my third year of being in AISA and my second year heading up the activities," Crawford said.

Coordinating a month's worth of events is no easy task. AISA had to synchronize advertising, resources and deal with cancellations. All of this is piled onto a full-time student workload.

"Last year we had an event almost every day and that kind of wore us out. This year we decreased the number of events while still maintaining their quality," Crawford said.

While American Indian History month is November and almost half over, but there are still many events to attend.

Today AISA will be hosting a Bingo Night. The event will be in CMU 101. There will be bingo and food provided.

On Nov. 17 Allan Demaray, a member of the Three Affiliated Tribes of North

Dakota, will give a presentation. He will share traditional American Indian stories and accompany them with his own flute music.

On Nov. 19 AISA will host a featured movie. The film "Dance Me Outside" details the American Indians experience in Canada and the cultural tensions there.

On Nov. 20 the Dragon Entertainment Group will be hosting Acoustic Afternoons. Their featured guest will be Bryan Akipa who has won awards for his flute playing of traditional American Indian music.

"We are really trying to make this campus culturally diverse. We really want to bring out some of the diversity we have right here and to get people more involved," Crawford said.

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MICHAEL JOHNSON / THE ADVOCATE

President Szymanski receives a hand-made blanket from White Earth Reservation Spiritual Elder George "Joe Bush" Fairbanks on Nov. 4.

Toy drive benefits Rape and Abuse Crisis Center

By ANNA GEORGE

Staff Writer

The Minnesota State Paralegal Association Moorhead (MSPAM) is helping to sponsor a toy drive to benefit the Rape and Abuse Crisis Center.

The RACC is a non-profit organization that provides free of charge counseling to those affected by personal abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse.

RACC also gives presentations about prevention to students in pre-school through college as well as to community groups, businesses and organizations.

"The community as a whole is affected by personal violence," Sperl said. "It affects out places of employment, schools, home, group and organizations."

RACC receives benefits come from volunteers, individual and business donors, federal and state grants as well as local and national funds.

The goal of MSPAM is to lend a helping hand to the community and other organizations.

"Throughout the years, MSPAM has sponsored a toy drive for donation to the RACC," vice president of MSPAM Jessica Griewe said. "The toy drive we are sponsoring this year is campus wide."

"I think the donation of toys for the RACC is an awesome idea," sophomore Erica Reishus said. "All kids should have the joy of opening gifts on Christmas morning."

According to Sperl the

numbers for domestic violence and sexual assault are consistent throughout the year. In 2007, RACC had a caseload of 2,805, of which 647 were children.

"The toys that are donated to the RACC are given to children who may not be as fortunate as I was and who are going through a hard time," Griewe said.

Along with donations from people, business and organizations, the RACC also looks for help through volunteers.

"We are reliant upon our volunteers," Sperl said. "They help with event plan-

ning, building projects, child care and other various tasks."

With volunteers and donations, the RACC will be able to create a better place for individuals and families to feel safe.

"I encourage everyone to donate and spread the excitement and joy a gift can give," Griewe said.

"If each of us were to give

one toy, big or small, think of the abundance of gifts that would be given to the children at the RACC," Reishus said.

The toy drive is held through Friday with boxes in both the library on second floor and in the main office at the Center for Business.

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ORGANIC, FRONT

"Secondly, it's better for the environment as well because you're not using as many chemicals," Barbie said.

Organic vegetables are generally more expensive, but Barbie doesn't predict cost to be a problem.

"I know that organic peppers are pretty expensive, but they're so good," Barbie said. "It does cost more, but I don't think it'll be (impossible)."

While there aren't any organic options in Kise right now, director of operations Dave Lilja said that's because there hasn't been any demand for them.

"There just isn't any requests for these items," Lilja said. "We have the ability to purchase organically grown items."

While organic products may be a viable option, getting locally grown vegetables presents some challenges. For local growers, getting their crops certified as organic tends to be prohibitively expensive. This raises concerns about food safety, since locally grown products can't always be verified as both organic and safe.

"All food producers, whether organic or conventional, must meet the strictest safety standards the industry can offer, and many times the local guy just doesn't meet

this requirement," Lilja said.

While Barbie acknowledged that small farmers often aren't able to get their crops labeled organic, she expressed hope that local produce might still find its way on campus.

She cited an abundance of organic growers in the region as a possible advantage of going local.

"There's a lot of different organic farms around this area," Barbie said. "Organic is better for the environment, but because we're not in California, it's probably easier for us to do local food too."

Kise has already taken some initiative in catering to eco-conscious diners by planning to offer more vegetarian and vegan alternatives.

While the cafeteria offers veggie patties and soy milk upon request, they intend to expand those options to include more soy-based beef substitutes for tacos and "meat" sauces on pastas, as well as vegan cheeses. They also plan to boost their marketing of such items, which were poorly advertised before.

"All of these products ... are either already here or will be here in the next week or two," Lilja said.

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Dragons hurry to beat flurries



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MSUM students admired the public art pieces on campus while they braved the cold and snowy weather on campus Tuesday. Occasional flurries and cold temperatures reminded students that winter is on its way.

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